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## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 21-24 as follows:

- 21. A cord comprising polyester filaments, wherein the cord has the following properties:
  - breaking tenacity  $\geq$  570 mN/tex,
  - dimensional stability > 110, and
  - quality factor > 50.
- 22. The cord according to claim 21, characterised in that the quality factor is larger than 100.
  - 23. The cord according to claim 21, wherein the quality factor is larger than 125.
  - 24. The cord according to claim 21, wherein the quality factor is larger than 150.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 21-24 are pending herein. Claims 1-20 and 25-27 have been cancelled in the Application Transmittal. By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification and claims 21-24 are amended to conform to U.S. practice. The abstract is also amended to conform to U.S. practice. No new matter is added by this Amendment.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten paragraph (37 CFR §1.121(b)(iii)), claim (37 CFR §1.121(c)(ii)) and the Abstract.